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May 22, 1959

Dear Jim,

Excuse my delay, as I've not known just when the Freidel family can entirely vacate the house. My daughter Dorothy, damn it, is being made to stay on weeks later than we'd wished, to take her high school final exams. So while I go on ahead with some kids, Madeleine will not be able to leave until the morning of June 23. I'm terribly sorry not to give you occupancy until then, but at least it is almost a week before summer session begins. At least it will save you rent at this end.

Since Charles Griffin is anxious to get in as soon as you leave, simply pay me rent at the rate of \$150 per month plus utilities (except water), for the actual time you are in the house. Just let Griffin know when you are planning to leave.

Utilities involve electricity, phone, and fuel oil for heating hot water. Madeleine will read the gauge on the fuel oil tank and the meter when she leaves; you do the same, and we'll figure the cost.

I have just put in a new front lawn of sorts, and if you will keep it watered, I'll appreciate it.

Of course Bill can have a key and leave anything and everything he wants here whenever it suits him. I'll drop him a note.

On rent money, why don't you pay me \$150 July 1 and the balance on August 1?

On the course readership, did I recommend Vann Perkins to you? He has been my reader, is a first-rate man, and terribly needs the money, since he has four babies. Migosh!

I'm sure you'll have a grand summer here. The pace is leisurely, and it's a good place to read, loaf at the beach, and so forth.

I'm delighted that you're going to use the text in your commerce course, and hope it will work out so well that you'll throw out the Morison and Commager from Liberal Arts.

Again, I'm terribly sorry about the late date.

Best ,

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PS- *Frank*



P.S. There will be some food and perhaps even some liquor in the cupboards and icebox. Whatever there is is for you to use.

Madeleine has an extremely good Negro woman who cleans for her once a week (on Monday)s. This sort of thing runs very high here: \$10.40 for an eight-hour day, but she leaves the whole house shining in that length of time. Does Dutch want her either every week or every other week? Madeleine will have her in the day before you arrive, so you might not need ~~for~~ her for two weeks. Her name is Mrs. Wade.

Of course mail or anything will be held for you either at the history department or here.

Best,